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NEWS IN BRIEF

MARDI GRAS

The Foreign Language Clubs will be hosting a Mardi Gras party Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Diers House. Anyone is welcome to come. There will be free beverages, food, masks, music and beads.

POETRY READING

Poet Jonathan Stull will read and talk about some of the poems from his book "Singing the Lake's Desire" Thursday, March 13, on the third floor of Vogel Library, outside the Pathways Center. A question/answer period will be at 4 p.m., and the reading will be at 7 p.m. This event is sponsored by the English and modern languages department and *The Castle Literary Magazine*.

IRAQ SLIDE SHOW

Leanne Clausen, a 2000 Wartburg graduate, will present a digital slide show about Iraq at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel commons. Clausen spent a month in Iraq last fall and also was there in December and January of 2001.

WEIGHT WATCHERS

Wartburg is looking into offering a "Weight Watchers at Work" program during the spring. This would be a 10-week series with 30 minute weekly meetings and weigh-ins over the noon hour. This would be pre-paid at \$10.95 per week. If you are interested or want more information, contact Ann Arns at Ext. 8504 or at ann.arns@wartburg.edu.

QUICK FACTS

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Feb. 24, 1868, President Andrew Johnson was impeached as a result of his removal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton, a violation of the Tenure of Office Act. Johnson was the first president to be impeached.

Feb. 24, 1991, the Gulf War ground offensive began after six weeks of bombing.

Regents talk, campus waits

By NATE KERL
Assistant Section Editor

The Board of Regents met Friday and Saturday in Bonita Springs, Fla., to discuss many issues of importance to students, faculty, staff and the campus in general.

While the president's office refused last week to release an official agenda to the *Trumpet*, some issues that were expected to be discussed are 2003-04 student tuition, the study abroad program, new dorm facilities, employer benefits and the college debt status.

Dr. Ferol Menzel, vice president for academic affairs and dean of

faculty, confirmed Sunday that President Jack Ohle will send out letters to the campus in regards to tuition, study abroad and employee medical and dental benefit changes. She said she could not comment further on the issues at this time.

Ohle was not willing to hold a short interview from Florida with the *Trumpet* because he prefers to notify the Wartburg community first, which would be after the *Trumpet's* Sunday press deadline.

The study abroad program with a record 41 applicants was one issue discussed at the Regents meeting. The Wartburg Global and Multicultural Studies department reported that limitations are

expected to be put on the program due to the increase in applicants. According to Kim Folkers, co-director of GMCS, the program has "definitely" been supported well by the college. However, applicants wanting to study for a full year, but are not in required language programs, have been alerted in interviews that they will "likely be turned down."

Despite the changes, students are still looking forward to their first trip abroad.

Junior Jamie Stratton is one who applied to the program. She has "always wanted to go to Australia" and "hopes everything works out."

"It's too bad that Wartburg emphasizes the whole study

abroad program and then people have such a hard time with the process of actually going," Stratton said.

"Many people felt they were pushed away at the interviews," Stratton said. "They (committee members) were saying things at the interviews including: 'I don't think you'll financially be able to go' or 'you aren't prepared as a sophomore to go.'"

Stratton said this wasn't her personal experience, but she is aware of at least two students who had such comments in their interviews.

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Nikki Schmidt/TRUMPET

NEW VOTING TREND—Junior Ryan Schaefer tries out Student Senate's new voting system Tuesday.

eVote increases turnout

By BECCA ANDERSEN
Assistant Section Editor

Voter turnout for student body elections was slightly higher than last year due, in part, to a new online voting system developed by senior computer science major Marc Stolte.

According to Nathan Eberline, student body vice president, 837 people voted this year, which was up from the approximately 700 students who voted last year.

"I think that is a pretty good indicator that the online elections were a success," Eberline said.

Student body president-elect Cassy Dearborn also contributes higher voter turnout to eVote, but said there is always room for improvement.

"The online system is such a benefit to this campus," Dearborn said. "However, I would still like to strive for at least 1,000 students voting in the elections."

eVote allowed students to vote from any computer on campus. Senate helped inform students about the site by sending them an e-mail with a link to eVote.

"I think the online voting made accessibility as easy as possible," Eberline said. "If Student Senate chooses to continue that course of action in the future, I think we can

expect numbers to stay at a high level."

"I think being able to 'vote in your underwear' using a very straightforward system (like eVote) was also a crucial part of voter turnout," Stolte said. "I was monitoring the system periodically throughout the day to ensure everything was going to plan."

While many students found the system worked well, some were not able to vote because Stolte said they were given the error message, "You are not in the voter database." These students were not shown as being enrolled at Wartburg this term. Stolte informed Information Technology Services, which is currently looking into the problem.

Stolte said there are opportunities for expanding the use of eVote, including other campus elections and campus-wide surveys. Elections can be made open to all students or can be restricted to major, minor, year in school and residence hall.

Carol Bye, assistant director of alumni and parent relations, said she would be interested in using eVote for Homecoming royalty.

"The use of eVote would eliminate the need to find students to sit at the voting table in the cafeteria lines and complaints from students that no one was there when they wanted to vote," she said.

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Election not quite finished

By BECCA ANDERSEN
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The Wartburg student body will be under new leadership next year as juniors Cassy Dearborn and Jeremy Reichel prepare to serve as student body president and vice president.

They were elected by 63 percent of the student body last Tuesday and are eager to serve the student body for the 2003-04 academic year.

"I'm looking forward to seeing the changes that students really want to take place," Reichel said.

Elections for student body treasurer and recorder were also Tuesday. Junior Eric Muhle was elected treasurer. There will be a run-off election tomorrow using eVote between sophomore Annie Fox and freshman Becky Townsley.

For Dearborn and Reichel, one of the first things they plan to work on is advocating for changes in the Iowa Tuition Grant. They also want to focus on communicating more effectively with students about campus and academic issues, construction and activities in Student Senate.

Dearborn and Reichel see Senate continuing to play a vital role on campus, especially with construction finishing up in the student union.

"I'd like to see Senate help transform the new union into a place where students will actually want to spend some free time," Reichel said.

"I really hope Senate can make an assertive effort to get more students involved on campus and make sure the campus knows what we do," Dearborn said.

Nathan Eberline, student body vice president was pleased with the student involvement.

"I'm always glad to see active student participation for Wartburg activities."



Becky Townsley



Annie Fox

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Editorial

Let campus media report

Many students at Wartburg College read the *Trumpet* and watch WTV-8 News to stay current on campus events.

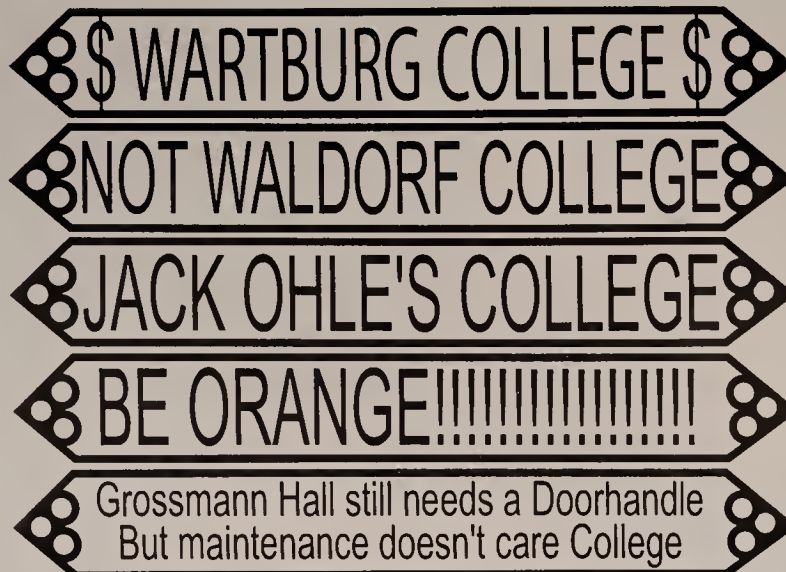
It is the media's job, then, to make sure that information is up-to-date and available to students. However, sometimes Wartburg officials put up roadblocks that prevent us from doing that job.

Last week, the Board of Regents met in Florida to discuss issues pertinent to Wartburg students. The president's office told the *Trumpet* that no agenda was available prior to the president and the cabinet's leaving for Florida. Furthermore, the *Trumpet* was told that President Jack Ohle would not be available for comment until he returns from Florida.

Also, a few of the vice presidents refused to talk to *Trumpet* reporters this week, saying they were too busy preparing for the upcoming meeting. Therefore, complete information about the tuberculosis case could not be reported and a proposed feature about professors on sabbatical could not be done.

It is hoped that the Board's decisions will resolve some of the different versions of the stories given by college officials.

The Board had a perfect opportunity to explain in the *Trumpet* some of its plans and goals for the meeting, but it chose not to. So did the president.



Before rehanging the "Wartburg College" sign over Old Main a number of alternatives was considered.

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Pledge belongs in Iowa classrooms

By MATT TOWNSLEY
Columnist

I, along with many other college students, grew up saying the Pledge of Allegiance every day before the school day began. After the "one nation under God" debacle blew over, I did not think the Pledge would make the news for awhile. To my surprise and delight, it has! Forty-seven Iowa legislators have proposed a bill that would require students at both public and private schools to recite it unless it "conflicts with a private school's religious doctrine." House File 172, as it's called, is a magnificent idea.

In fact, states from all facets of the political spectrum, Mississippi, Delaware and Michigan, have passed resolutions condemning the Ninth U.S. Circuit of Appeals Court for its ruling on the "one nation under God" case. Others have



gone as far as requiring schools receiving government funds to recite the Pledge on a daily basis just as House File 172 would do in Iowa.

For those who have personal or religious beliefs against pledging allegiance to Old Glory, provisions are made in this resolution for such individuals to "maintain a respectful silence." This is where the foundation and freedom of being an American migrate into one. The younger generation gets a glimpse of what it means to be an American through the Pledge. For non-citizens or those who for some reason feel disloyal to the best country on earth, silence is an option. It's a win-win situation.

Living in the United States and taking advantages of its freedoms is something we all too often take for granted. It takes some crazy suicide terrorists or a silly man challenging the Pledge of Allegiance to bring us back to our roots. These roots have been contested numerous times, but with bills such as House File 172, there is still hope of restoring America back to its original Christ-inspired condition.

Department stores and gas stations may have gone overboard selling patriotic parapher-

nal in the post-September 11 era, but it further proves what America stands for. America stands for many different freedoms, but ultimately freedom in itself. The Pledge of Allegiance is one way of displaying loyalty to the system which gives us what we've fought wars and shed blood for. The least the state of Iowa can do is remind their young ones what America is all about by requiring recitation of the Pledge on a regular basis.

To the Republicans and Democrats who initiated this legislation, I applaud your efforts. To all readers of this column, take a minute and reflect upon the freedoms we have in our stellar country. Think about the right you had to celebrate February 14th as Valentine's Day and compare it to the store owners in Iran whose businesses were shut down because of the alleged "Western culture" propaganda they displayed through red hearts and other beacons of love. We are indeed fortunate.

I pledge allegiance to the flag...

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Which stooge are you?

By STEVEN C. MURRAY
Columnist

In my pondering of goings-on here at Wartburg I have, at least in my mind, realized how things work. Because of the exceptionally profound (heh...heh...) ideas that I have arrived at, I feel it is worthwhile and prudent to alert you, the casual *Trumpet* reader.

Here at Wartburg, I feel there are three stages. Not three stooges—three stages. I'm not talking about learning, graduation or anything of that sort, either. Once again, to a certain extent, it's about marketing. Are you intrigued yet? Read on, friends.

The first stage hits you before you even know it: prospective student. Like all colleges (I would imagine), Wartburg tries to get students to come here because it's a wonderful place. They send you invitations to come visit the college, to scholarship weekends, feed you well in the Caf and basically do everything within their power to butter you up and make you join in the good clean fun here at the college of our brightest days.

The prospective student stage can last anywhere from six months or less to around two years, contingent, of course, with regard to



how long one ponders the options available for their post-secondary experience. During the prospective student stage, one doesn't even know that he or she is a potential target.

Stage two is "current Wartburg student." Stage two typically lasts for about four years; however, some complete stage two in anywhere from three and a half to five years. During stage two, students are left behind at every turn.

If students have gripes, they can give suggestions to Union Council, go to Student Senate, or just complain to others who are also in stage two, but it most likely won't matter, since the peasants (yours truly included) in stage two have no real voice on campus. Unfortunately, the irony in all of this is that those who are in stage two typically don't realize it until it is much too late. (Kudos to those of you who opted out of stage two early.)

Finally, stage three, the final stage, is being a Wartburg College Alum. When you are alumni, you can decide whether or not to donate money to the college. "Wait a tick," you think, "didn't I just 'donate' \$80,000 to the college?" Well ... yes. Yes, you did. In stage three, the college tries its hardest to try to cajole you into giving any money you might have made (following payment of student loans) which, I am told, is for a while typically slim to none.

Advantages of being an alum? Well, the college generally treats you better, since they want you to give them still more money. However, with the stage three status, there are other perks that follow. Remember the fancy little Sesquicentennial Gala? Yeah ... that's what I'm talking about. Also - those little mints that they don't let students have - you earn the right to enjoy them as well. I am sure there are other advantages, but I guess I will have to wait another semester to find out.

This three stage theory brings some interesting points. First, we students in stage two usually 'take it for the team' for four years, trying to make changes happen and better Wartburg. Although we usually get shot down, it is interesting to note that in just a few short years, we too will be in stage three, allowing us even more stature and perhaps more 'power.' Therefore, I have come to the conclusion that perhaps it is worthwhile for one who is in stage two to just bite one's tongue and wait it out until stage three hits. If you're currently in stage three, give yourself a pat on the back. You deserve it! I'll be joining you soon.

For those of you who are in stage one (and especially for those of you who don't know it)—Godspeed.

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Students study ephedrine in rats

By RACHEL DVORAK
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The death last week of Baltimore Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler has raised questions about the safety of ephedrine, a stimulant found in some over-the-counter weight-loss supplements.

Bechler collapsed Sunday, Feb. 16, during spring training in Florida and later died of multiple organ failure brought on by heatstroke. Although toxicology results will not be available for at least another week, the Broward County medical examiner said there was a possible link between the use of the ephedrine supplement Xenadrine RFA-1 and Bechler's death.

That link is currently being studied here at Wartburg.

Seniors Chris Steege and Andy Arthur, both pre-physical therapy majors at Wartburg, proposed a project last fall to examine the effects of ephedrine on appetite and heat stress in rats.

"Andy came to me, wanting to do something with ephedrine," said project adviser Dr. Julia Moffitt, assistant professor of biology. "Once we got looking, there was a possible connection between ephedrine abuse and heat stroke and heat-related illnesses."

Ephedrine-containing supplements are popular among athletes who wish to lose weight and increase energy. Close to 100 deaths have been linked to ephedrine.

However, Moffitt said no publishable results about ephedrine's affect on heat stress can be found.

"The FDA had a big push to get [ephedrine] banned, but the weight-loss industry is a big lobbying group," said Moffitt. Ephedrine-containing supplements are legal but have been banned by the NCAA, the International Olympic Committee and the NFL.

The NFL banned ephedrine in 2001 following the heat-related death of Minnesota Vikings offensive lineman Korey Stringer, who may have taken several supplements containing ephedrine. The deaths of two college football players, Rashidi Wheeler of Northwestern and Devaughn Darling of Florida State, have also been connected to ephedrine.

Major League Baseball still allows the stimulant, although after Bechler's death there has been talk of prohibiting its use.

Steege and Arthur are doing this experiment for their Biology 456 research project but also for personal reasons.

"Andy and I both work out quite a bit, and ephedrine is in a lot of the supplements athletes take," Steege said. "It applies to what we do."

"In high school, people I knew would pop four to six of those (supplements) before competitions. It increases alertness, heart rate, all things that make a person more intense," Arthur said. "But it affects the nervous system and has a lot of the same effects of amphetamines and ecstasy, and as a side effect it increases metabolism and body heat."

Steege and Arthur are trying to find conclusive evidence that ephedrine affects the body's response to heat



ABOVE—Andy Arthur and Chris Steege prepare one of their lab rats for a daily injection of ephedrine, a stimulant found in supplements often taken by athletes.

BELOW—"Scott Evil," one of the rats in Steege and Arthur's experiment, is put inside "Cancun" to undergo heat stress under a heat lamp. Steege and Arthur will monitor how the rats' body temperatures rise before and after two weeks of ephedrine.

Jessica Pfeiffer/TRUMPET

stress. However, the two had some difficulty obtaining ephedrine for their experiment.

"Ephedrine in purified form is hard to get a hold of. It's really just like speed. You could take enough of it to be very damaging," Moffitt said. "We had to get cleared through the Drug Enforcement Agency and state the specific reasons we were trying to obtain pure ephedrine."

Their experiment is three weeks long. For the first week, the eight rats are given sucrose, and their intake is measured. At the end of the week, the rats were subjected to heat stress under an infrared heat lamp for 20 minutes. Steege and Arthur recorded each rat's temperature every two minutes.

Then for the next two weeks, six of the rats will be given daily injections of pure ephedrine based on their body mass. In order to keep the stress level the same and to have a control group, the other two rats will be given injections of distilled water.

"You could tell after the first heat stress that the rats were stressed out, but they are still gaining weight and still pretty happy," Arthur said. "The second heat stress is the main part of the experiment. We hypothesize that they won't be able to control their body temperature while on ephedrine."

Steege and Arthur will present the results of their study April 8 in the chapel commons.

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March On-Campus Interviews for Full Time Employment and Summer Internships

Wednesday, March 12

Ameritrust Mortgage Company Account Executive positions

Thursday, March 13

Wells Fargo Account Analyst positions

Tuesday, March 25

Enterprise Rent-A-Car Management Trainee positions

Tuesday, March 25

Enterprise Rent-A-Car Summer Internship for Management/Sales

To apply, bring a resume to Career Services and sign up for an interview time. For assistance in preparing a resume and for more information on these positions, come to the **Pathways Center**.

Vietnam vet to be honored

By SARA MONSON
Senior Writer



Gaylord Thomas

A Vietnam War veteran and activist from Chicago will be the 14th annual Judge Henry N. and Helen T. Graven Award winner.

The award will be presented to Gaylord M. Thomas during convocation at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in

Neumann Auditorium. A special ceremony honoring the recipient will be at 7:30 tonight in the Wartburg Chapel.

Thomas works for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Division Global Mission and serves as director of Africa Desk/East Africa for the ELCA.

He graduated from DePaul University and later worked as a public accountant for both profit and non-profit minority organizations.

Thomas' work with community programs began when he worked for a west side Chicago food buying club called Together One Community. Approximately 10 years ago, Thomas founded Simba Circle, a group that aims to improve the violent lifestyle and well-being of African-American males.

"I cannot stress to you enough how phenomenal this year's recipient is," said Karris Golden, writer/editor in communications & marketing, who nominated Thomas for the award.

The Graven Award is given annually to one recipient who practices outstanding service performed by Christian Laity.

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Last time abroad for winter break service

By KELLY DOTSON
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Seven different groups of 10 to 12 Wartburg students and faculty will be leaving Feb. 28 or March 1 for destinations across North America. Over winter break, Wartburg is sending service trips to Haiti, Toronto, South Dakota, Texas, South Carolina, Louisiana and Atlanta.

Students plan and lead the service trips. Service trip groups have been meeting weekly since January in preparation for this outreach.

Haiti leader Laura Nielsen is excited about the upcoming week.

"I think all of the leaders are prepared to go. We've been anticipating winter break since we came back from Christmas," she said.

"We are excited to go and meet all of the people we've been in contact with for so long," said Stephanie McClure, Atlanta trip leader. "We're ready to put our plans into action."

Patrice Bailey, community service coordinator, heads the service trip advisory board. He said many changes were made this year with the program, but the biggest change is that international service trips will no longer be sent out over winter break. Instead, the board would like to see more international May Term service trips offered.

"We're going to push international trips over to May Term due to the monetary



Contributed photo

EXPLORING NEW CULTURE—Left to right, Ron Peterson, Bill Nielsen, juniors Mickie Toops, Kelly Dotson, Scott Storlie, Matt Townsley, Laura Nielsen and senior Melissa Guthrie learn about and dance to Haitian music in preparation for their service trip to Haiti.

expense for a trip that only lasts a week," Bailey explained. Another bonus of May Term service trips is that students will receive class credit for their work.

"Wartburg has a history of having service as part of May Term, but I'd like to see us be more intentional about it," said Dr. Fred Waldstein, leadership program direc-

tor and member of the service trip advisory board. "It's important we establish May Term classes with service components."

Dr. Fred Strickert, professor of religion, has been leading service-oriented May Term trips to Honduras since 1999. The trip was originally planned in response to Hurricane Mitch, but he decided to contin-

ue the program after its initial success. Strickert likes the idea of May Term service trips because he can hold a week of class at Wartburg before and after the two weeks of service.

"The time in class allows us to put the service in context, making reflection more beneficial," Strickert said.

The limitation of only allowing international trips during May Term will take effect next year.

Other changes include how service trips will be funded. Currently, students are expected to raise about 90 percent of the cost, which is \$3,000 to \$6,000 for most winter break trips. However, since the new five-year Lilly Grant Wartburg has been awarded, trips in the future will have more financial support from the college.

Bailey said he hopes that in several years, groups will only be responsible for raising about 50 percent of the costs. For trips to receive funding from the Lilly Grant, service groups will be expected to research the areas they will visit and submit written reflection reports on service learning to receive money.

Service trips will be offered during both winter break and tour week next year.

Applications to lead a domestic service trip will be available March 18 in the Volunteer Action Center. The deadline for trip proposals is April 15. Trips will be chosen during May Term.

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Sophomore musician makes top 5 in Star Search Iowa

By TINA HINZ
Staff Writer

Sophomore Kari Tindall is one of five semi-finalists from more than 200 entries for Star Search Iowa.

This competition requires musicians to submit videotapes showcasing their talents, which are judged by sponsoring TV station KCCI Channel 8 in Des Moines.

Tindall submitted her performance from Wartburg's Battle of the Unsigned Artists Jan. 18. The clip included her singing Mindy McCree's "Guys Do it All the Time," and playing the piano and singing Vanessa Carlton's "A Thousand Miles" and Sarah McLachlan's "Angel."

Her sister, who lives in Des Moines, told her to send in the tape about two weeks ago.

"I totally forgot about it until I got the phone call," Tindall said.

As a semi-finalist, Tindall was asked to do a short interview and perform live on "KCCI This Morning" Feb. 17. One finalist performed each day on the show last week.

She sang and played the piano to "A Thousand Miles." Her performance earned four out of five stars from the three station anchors.

"They said, 'We were going to give you five stars, but I don't think we're supposed to,'" she recalled, laughing.

"I thought [the performance] went really good. It was really early, so my voice wasn't quite all there," Tindall said. "It would have been better at night, but I was satisfied."

The prize includes four tickets to the musicals "Cinderella" or "42nd Street" at the Des Moines Civic Center, dinner at Splash and limousine service for the night.

The public can vote online for Tindall by going to www.theiowachannel.com and clicking on the "Star Search Iowa" link. The winner will be announced Wednesday.

A music/business major, Tindall is a member of the Wartburg choir and takes voice lessons from Dr. David Katz. Although she's classically trained, she says "the pop stuff is just for fun." She hopes to someday obtain a program manager position like someone who brings acts in for the Civic Center in Des Moines.

Tindall has been taking piano since she was 8 and got into music as a high school freshman. She's had voice teachers ever since.



Jessica Pfeiffer/TRUMPET

IOWA STAR—Although classically trained, sophomore Kari Tindall says she loves performing pop music "just for fun."

She participates in talent shows around her hometown of Graettinger and also sang at Relay for Life, a cancer walk, in Emmetsburg and Estherville. For the last two years, she's participated at the annual Bill Riley talent show during the Iowa State Fair.

"I love performing. It's my favorite thing to do," Tindall said. "It's good to know that other people like what you're doing, and you're able to share music with other people."

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Study abroad, benefit decisions expected

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The Wartburg study abroad program states that qualifications include a minimum 2.5 grade point average for most programs and "To participate in semester or year-long programs, students must be at least sophomores. Most applicants must be at least juniors. A handful of programs may consider well-prepared sophomores."

Senior Jennifer Zumbach studied abroad for one semester in Australia and is a member of the GMCS committee.

"I had a great experience; some do it for a full year, and they shouldn't take that away from others," Zumbach said.

"A lot of people use study abroad as a factor in coming to Wartburg," said senior LaTasha Hamlet, another member of the GMCS committee. "At the same time, we have to look at the longevity of the college and the fact that we have a lot we cannot

afford right now."

As far as the record number of applicants this year, Folkers said that while 41 applied, issues often arise.

"Things come up," Folkers said. "People have issues with personal health, financial concerns and especially with the arrival of the scheduling book this week. They often realize that study abroad is not an option."

More campus housing is also an issue that was expected to be discussed at the Regents meeting. While the Jan. 27 issue of the Trumpet reported that Ohle "denied that any plans for new dorm space are currently in the works," zoning plans were presented for the Feb. 6 Waverly Planning and Zoning Commission meeting by John Wuertz, director of the physical plant. The proposal allows for a change in zoning on the east half of the block between Third and Fourth Avenues and between Seventh Street Northwest and Eighth Street

Northwest to a multiple family residential district. The "purpose is to accommodate the proposed new residence hall adjacent to Grossmann Hall and match a majority of the college campus [look]," according to a proposal approved by the commission.

Ohle noted in a faculty addressed e-mail Feb. 6 that, "the entire process for changing zoning could take up to four months. We will want the zoning changed whether we proceed with a building project at this time or not."

Campus faculty and staff have much interest in the Regents meeting since proposals have been made by the administration to lower medical and dental benefits. College employees met several times the past two weeks to discuss options.

In an e-mail to the college faculty and staff, Dr. John M. Zelle, associate professor of computer science, pushed an "Open Letter to President Ohle Responding to

Benefit Changes." The letter and petition notes that "current employees were hired with an understanding that Wartburg was committed to providing medical and dental insurance coverage for employees and their dependents. In fact, because of the generous benefits package, some employees have accepted pay cuts to come to Wartburg."

The letter continues, "While we appreciate the effort to contain the increasing burden of medical insurance premiums, we believe it is fundamentally unfair to do so by asking those who can least afford increased premiums (single-income families with dependents) to absorb the extra costs."

According to Menzel the issues have been voted on and President Ohle will send out releases in the coming week.

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Bridging the gap

Some say cultural mingling needs improvement

By CHELSEA KROHE
Staff Writer

International students have difficult adjustments to make when they come to study at Wartburg.

Enrollment has fluctuated between 60 and 75 international students for the last six years, according to Dr. Edith Waldstein, vice president for enrollment management. Wartburg currently enrolls 74 international students from more than 30 countries.

Many reasons international students leave Wartburg are not totally unlike those of American students.

Dave Fredrick, associate director of admissions, said that although Wartburg does offer international scholarships, financing a Wartburg education is difficult for many international students.

"Financial problems are the number one issue for almost every international student," Fredrick said.

Teddy Annang, a sophomore pre-med major from Ghana, doesn't know how long he'll be here because money is a big factor.

"I want to graduate from Wartburg," he said. "But who knows what will happen tomorrow."

Fredrick said international students don't have as many financial aid options as American students do, such as outside scholarships. American students also have the option of either obtaining a work study job or getting a job off campus.

Linda Wolf, director of International Student Programs, said the U.S. government puts strict regulations on international students. They are limited to working with immigration services or to having U.S. approved internships in their majors.

The fact that most international students come from poorer countries also contributes to financial problems. Some help is available from churches or private sponsor organizations, but Wolf said it is mostly up to the families to support students.

"International students and their families make great sacrifices for the students to be here," she said.



Nikki Schmidt/TRUMPET

BREAKING DOWN THE WALL—From left to right, juniors Yoshi Ujo and Emmanuel Magesa, freshman Leo Marlowe, and juniors Mikra Krasniqi and Matt Townsley participated in the International Quiz Bowl earlier this term.

Many international students, like American students, also transfer because they want to specialize in a major that Wartburg doesn't offer.

Ayako Tsukahara, a freshman from Japan, came to Wartburg because "Wartburg offered me a scholarship." However, she will be transferring to a college in Pennsylvania to continue study in her major, international relations.

International students encounter other adjustment difficulties. The lack of public transportation is a problem for many, Fredrick said. Most countries have good, regular public transportation systems with taxis, buses or trains. Waverly has none.

Language is another challenge. "For some of these students, English is their third or fourth language," Fredrick said. He added that international students have a hard time because Americans speak so rapidly.

Tomoko Kushihashi, a freshman from

Japan, was worried about her English skills when she came here.

Despite all the adjustments, international students come to Wartburg and stay. But regarding those who do leave, Fredrick said that the college is looking at student retention for both American and international students.

Wolf and Fredrick agree that the development of connections and bonds between American and international students is largely left up to the campus as a whole.

"It is hard for the administration to tell people how to behave," Fredrick said.

Wolf said international students are involved on campus. They carry their respective country's flag at the opening convocation, are actively involved with Homecoming and Christmas with Wartburg and present various events like café nights and Culture Week activities through the Diers House.

However, some think incorporating

international students into Wartburg life could improve.

"Building relationships with international students isn't as high of a priority as it should be at Wartburg," said sophomore Emily Carson.

"There is almost an invisible wall that both American and international students have allowed to exist," Fredrick said.

Kushihashi said she spends more time with international students because she feels more comfortable with them. Another international student said sometimes American students say "hi" in passing but seem like they are not really interested in getting to know her as a friend.

Carson said that while she has made an effort this year to get to know more international students, she finds it hard.

"Because of my own nervousness, I have limitations that I put on myself," she said. "I wish Wartburg had a class that taught how to build relationships with international students. That way we could ask questions without offending anyone. Sometimes I'm afraid of offending someone, so I don't even try."

Some students, though, don't seem to have as much trouble with interaction.

Tsukahara said that she spends a lot of time with her American friends and boyfriend. Sophomore Dan Thomsen also said he has never had a problem connecting with international students.

"Sometimes I have trouble with their thick accents, but if I listen carefully and ask them to repeat things it's OK," he said. "[International students] are very patient."

Annang said he feels that bridging the gap between international and American students is easier said than done.

"If everyone went out of their way to get to know an international student, or an international student an American, Wartburg would be a very different place," Fredrick said.

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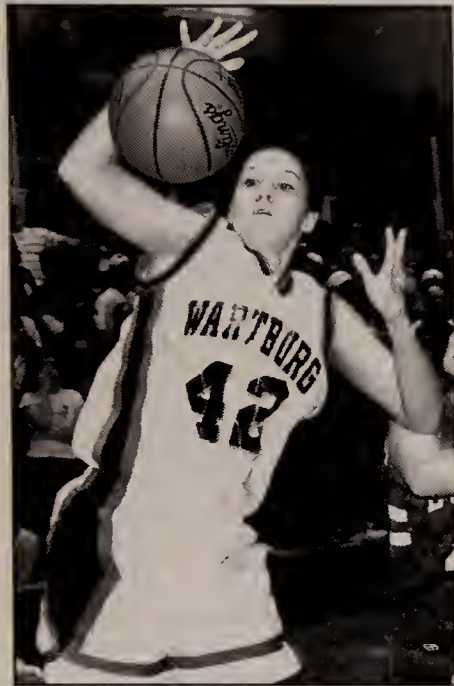
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Title comes the hard way

By LANCE RIDPATH
Sports Writer

What seemed like the most improbable of all things a month ago became a reality for the Wartburg women's basketball team Saturday. Following a loss to Simpson



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GIMME THAT—Wartburg junior forward Kelly Foley pulls down one of her three rebounds Saturday night against Luther College.

College in January, the Knights put together an impressive run of basketball, including a perfect 9-0 record for the month of February, earning a share of their third consecutive Iowa Conference title.

This weekend saw the Knights stomp a pair of local rivals—Upper Iowa University and Luther College—to finalize their goal of winning the title.

Saturday's game, one that was supposed to be a hotly contested battle between two fierce rivals turned out to be a laughing matter. Wartburg hit 74 percent (20 for 27) of their shots from the field in the first half en route to a decisive 84-51 thrashing of the Norse.

The red-hot scoring parade kicked off when junior guard Lisa Rasmusson knocked down a three-pointer in the game's first minute to get things rolling.

Just under the 15-minute mark, junior forward Lindsey Smith drove into the lane and dropped a layup to cap off a 14-0 scoring run and put Wartburg on top 19-4.

The scoring wouldn't stop there. With 4:28 left before halftime, senior guard Katie Fox picked off a Luther pass, dribbled down the floor and swished a trey to build a 41-16 advantage. When the first half buzzer sounded, the Knights held a commanding 50-26 lead.

The Knights cooled down slightly to start the second half but had little trouble containing the reeling Norse. With 7:35 left in the game, junior forward Kelly Foley knocked down a jumper to pad Wartburg's lead, 67-44 and end any threat of a Luther comeback.

The Knights' unselfish game plan and hot shooting created a balanced scoring attack that proved to be too much for the visiting Norse to handle. All five Wartburg starters reached double-figures. Foley led all scorers with 15 points, while Rasmusson and senior center Holly Mohs followed with 11 points apiece. Junior forward Jessica Mennen and Fox each tossed in 10 points.

In a game that is typically intense and closer in score, Wartburg was able to play on a level that's been maintained all season.

It's probably safe to say that head coach Monica Severson was the least surprised of anyone by her team's offensive outburst.

"Our kids were ready to play tonight," said Severson. "When it's against Luther, I'm not really worried about whether or not we're ready to go. I knew we could play well."

Friday's contest against Upper Iowa saw the Knights make a similar run to begin the game. A far cry from last month's 60-58 nail-biter in Fayette, there would be no need for last minute heroics as Wartburg made quick work of putting points on the board and putting a lid the Peacock's top scorers.

Mennen's game-high 21 points on 10 of 13 shooting from the field paced the victory. Upper Iowa's Angie Baldrige tossed in 18 points to lead the Peacocks.

This weekend's wins—combined with a University of Dubuque upset of Simpson—earned the Knights (18-7 overall, 14-4 IAC) a tie for their third straight conference title. Tie-breaking

procedures forced the Knights to a No. 3 seed in the conference tournament.

With the regular season wrapped up, the team's focus turns to the "Second Season" of conference and national tournament post-season play.

"We'll probably have two road games during the tournament," said Severson with cautious confidence. "We've won on the road, and we've won at home."

The two-time defending IAC tournament champs will put their title on the line this week when they play host to No. 6 seed Cornell College tomorrow in Knights Gymnasium at 6 p.m. A win against the Rams (12-13, 7-11) would advance the team to Friday's semifinal against the winner of Simpson (19-6, 14-4) and Dubuque (12-13, 6-12).

WARTBURG (84)

Rasmusson 4-6 2-4 11, Fox 3-6 1-2 10, Mohs 3-6 5-6 11, Mennen 4-6 1-2 10, Foley 6-7 3-3 15, Medhus 1-2 2-2 5, Van Bibber 0-0 0-0 0, Franzen 1-1 2-2 4, Reynolds 0-2 1-2 1, 0-1 2-2 2, Smith 4-6 1-4 9, 0-0-0-0, Petersen 1-1 0-0 2, Berner 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 29-46 20-29 81.

LUTHER (51)

Bautch 0-9 0-0 0, Soerigter 1-4 0-0 2, Laursen 5-10 2-2 13, Have 3-6 0-2 6, Montgomery 3-7 3-4 9, Russell 2-3 0-0 4, Thimjon 0-0 0-0 0, Laposky 4-13 7-8 15, Smith 0-0 0-0 0, Freer 0-0 0-0 0, Hendrickson 0-0 0-0 0, Jensen 1-3 0-2 2, Cook 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 19-56 12-18 51.

Halftime—Wartburg 50, Luther 26.

Three-point goals—Wartburg 6 (Fox 3), Luther 1 (Laursen). Fouled out—Jensen. Rebounds—Wartburg 39 (Mohs 12), Luther (Montgomery 6).

Assists—Wartburg 22 (Mohs 8), Luther 14 (Laursen, Have, Laposky 3). Total fouls—Wartburg 16, Luther 21. Technicals—Wartburg bench.

Attendance—1100

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Cheer squad secures top honor in Missouri

By CHRISSY BERLIN
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The Wartburg cheer squad took first place in the college cheer team, all-girl division, Cheerleaders of America Branson Open in Branson, Mo.

This was the first year the college has had a cheer team enter a competition. Captain Katy Pralle said she was unsure how many competitors were in their division because the day was chaotic and there were numerous divisions.

The cheer team is comprised of 10 members, with only two returning women from last year's squad, Pralle and junior Jasmine Roche. Pralle serves not only as captain but also as coach.

"Katy is the energy behind it," said Gary Grace, director of athletics.

Other team members include junior Lisa Vatsdal and freshmen Kari O'Brien, Cari Blatchford, Wendy Percifield, Leiana Kaaihue, Nikki Lokenvitz, Steph Goetz and Lisa Bowdish.

Cheerleading is considered to be more of a club than a sport, which means there is no official coach. The athletic department provides an adviser, Kathy Franken, who does the office and administrative work. Franken has no past cheerleading experience, so all of the cheers and performances are generated from the members of the team.

The team started practicing three times a week in October then jumped to five days a week in January. The team was only able to practice their performance piece for six weeks prior to the competition. Pralle said that was quite a short time to get a routine together, especially since they were only able to perform once for a crowd, and that was just a partial routine.

Scheduling performances is only part of Pralle's job. She also makes sure the squad has enough money to get uniforms and pay entry fees and travel fees. The student recreation fund and Student Senate helped get the squad started, but it was not enough. The women hosted a cheer clinic for kindergartners through fifth graders and are currently selling water bottles to cover the rest of the costs.

"We have good athletic teams, and we need to cheer them on," Pralle said.

She is proud of the team but wants to expand it next year. A co-ed team would be ideal, in addition to the existing women's team. Grace is fully supportive of the team.

Although cheerleading is not an official sport at Wartburg, the athletic department says it is proud of the



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THROW YOUR HANDS IN THE AIR—Wartburg cheerleaders Katy Pralle, Kari O'Brien and Wendy Percifield get the crowd fired up in Saturday's basketball against Luther College in Knights Gymnasium.

winning squad.

"We are proud of them," Grace said. "We don't want to take the credit for it; it was their hard work [that won the competition]."

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Norse tipped overboard

By JOSHUA SMOTHERS
Sports Editor

Chants of "JAY-KOB" echoed through the rafters of Knights Gymnasium in Saturday's rivalry match-up between Wartburg and Luther College. All because senior forward Jake Olsen poured in 23 points and eight rebounds, helping the Wartburg men's basketball squad clinch a second seed in the Iowa Conference Tournament, while propelling himself into Wartburg's prestigious 1,000-point club.

Olsen tallied 41 points in the two games this weekend as the Knights (19-6 overall, 14-4 IAC) overpowered the Norse 58-48 in a capacity-filled Knights Gymnasium one night after dismantling Upper Iowa University 80-67.



Jake Olsen
Enters 1,000-point club

The win marked the Knights' seventh in a row over the Norse and was their 12th in their last 13 contests this season.

Fellow senior forward Mike Pipho added nine points, as did freshman guard Rance Cartmill, who also snagged nine rebounds. All of Cartmill's points came from beyond the arc.

The Knights held significant advantages on the offensive side of the ball, drilling 93.3 percent of their free throws and hitting on a 46.3 percent clip from the field. The Norse suffered from beyond the arc, hitting only one of their 18 attempts for a dismal 5.6 percent.

Although the Knights turned the ball over 20 times throughout the game, they out-rebounded the Norse by a 37-21 margin.

Adam Morrissey's 14 points led Luther (9-16, 8-10), who now trails Wartburg 88-44 in the all-time series between

the two schools. Jake Lappe chipped in with 11 points.

Friday, Olsen recorded 19 points against Upper Iowa, but it was freshman guard Jason Steege who stole the show, scoring 23 points and hitting eight consecutive free throws in the final 2:31.

The Knights squandered a 45-26 halftime lead as the Peacocks scored 19 of the first 25 points of the second half and eventually crawled to within four before Wartburg pieced together an 11-2 run to end the game.

Pipho scored 13 points and climbed into the No. 10 spot on Wartburg's all-time scoring list, surpassing Tom Manchester (1966-71). Pipho and Olsen also grabbed five rebounds each.

Upper Iowa's Rashard Richardson tied Steege's performance, tallying 23 points. Deodrick Sanders was the only other Peacock in double figures, scoring 10 points.

Acquiring the second seed in post-season play, the Knights will play host once again to No. 7-seeded Luther tomorrow evening in Knights Gymnasium at 8 p.m. A win would vault the Knights into a semifinal match-up Friday between the winner of the Cornell and Coe College game.



CLEARING THE WAY— Wartburg sophomore guard Adam Sanchez drives to the basket as senior forward Mike Pipho clears a defender out of the way Saturday against Luther College in Knights Gymnasium. The Knights defeated the Norse 58-48.

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WARTBURG (58)

Pipho 3-4 2-2 9, Olsen 9-14 4-5 23, Recker 0-1 0-0 0, Armentrout 0-1 0-0 0, Schuknecht 1-4 0-0 3, Pedersen 0-0 0-0 0, Cartmill 3-7 0-0 9, Steege 0-4 6-6 6, Sanchez 0-0 0-0 0, Johnson 1-1 2-2 4, Formanek 1-4 0-0 2, Schmidt 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 19-41 14-15 58.

LUTHER (48)

Morrissey 5-9 4-6 14, Lappe 4-9 3-6 11, Grimm 1-5 2-2 4, Rump 2-9 0-0 5, Lowe 2-6 4-6 8, Johnson 1-3 0-0 2, Karaidos 0-1 0-0 0, Koering 0-0 0-0 0, Hehring 0-1 0-0 0, Pieper 1-2 2-4 4. Totals 16-45 15-24 48.

Halftime—Wartburg 31, Luther 26.

Three-point goals—Wartburg 6 (Cartmill 3), Luther 1 (Rump). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Wartburg 37 (Cartmill 9), Luther 21 (Lowe 5).

Assists—Wartburg 16 (Steege 4), Luther 11 (Lappe, Grimm, Rump, Johnson 2). Total fouls—Wartburg 22, Luther 15. Technicals—None.

Attendance—1680

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Buttry obliterates previous school record

By JANNAE HOLUBAR
Sports Writer

School records were once again broken, and the list of national qualifiers was lengthened for Wartburg's men's and women's track squads Friday at the UNI-Dome Open in Cedar Falls.

Sophomore standout Missy Buttry automatically qualified for nationals in the 3000, winning in 9:20.85, crushing the old school record of 10:20.74, set by Esther

Dubec in 1996, by an entire minute. She also outran the field by nearly a minute and a half as the second-place finisher crossed the line in 10:35.7. Her performance was only .05 seconds away from the Division I national qualifying mark.

The men's 4x400-meter relay team of juniors Alex Six, Brent Showalter, Andy Six and Steve Bubb ran an automatic qualifying time (3:16.84) and finished in first place. The women's 4x400 team of sophomore Kelli Marlow and juniors Nicole

Dougherty, Holly Dorenkamp and Sarah Tompkins improved their provisional qualifying time (3:56.46) to finish second.

"Going automatic in the 4x400 was our main goal coming into this meet," Andy Six said. "It's a big relief to have gone auto and not have to worry about it the rest of the season. Now we can just concentrate on winning conference."

Tompkins added another provisional qualifying mark in the 400 as she finished third in the race with Marlow right behind in fourth. Senior Megan Pagel also improved her provisional mark in the shot put and finished fourth in the event.

The women earned top three places in four other events throughout the meet. Sophomore Annie Olson continued to improve her mark in the triple jump finishing third. Sophomores Abby Tiernan and Jannae Holubar added third-place finishes in the 800 and the mile, respectively. Junior Liz Ericson ran for a third-place finish in the 1000.

"The effort put forth by the women and

men today was tremendous," head coach Marcus Newsom said. "We took a huge step up this weekend, and I know that it will get us fired up for conference next weekend."

The men earned a one-two finish from the Six brothers in the 400 with Andy taking first in 50.12 and Alex only .05 seconds behind. The Knights also received a two-three finish in the 600 from sophomores Aaron Bahr and Sean Hart, respectively.

Sophomore Keith Solverson beat his personal record by 12 seconds in the 1000 to finish fourth.

"With conference next weekend, we really needed a great, great day, and we got just that," Newsom said. "These athletes have been training so hard, and they are ready for a big weekend at BV."

The track and field team travels to Storm Lake for the Iowa Conference Indoor Meet hosted by Buena Vista University Friday and Saturday.

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PEEKABOO—Wartburg 133-pounder Ozzie Saxon struggles to keep his balance in a match Thursday at the Iowa Conference Championships in Cedar Rapids.

Eleventh heaven

By NICK PETAROS
Sports Writer

The orange and black is set to invade the NCAA Division III national championships as Wartburg produced 10 national qualifiers and six conference champions en route to an 11th consecutive Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship Thursday at Coe College in Cedar Rapids.

Junior 149-pounder Bart Mehlert was honored as the Dick Walker Outstanding Wrestler of the meet, while head coach Jim Miller was tabbed IAC Coach of the Year for his seventh time.

With 199 points, the Knights dominated a conference that featured six teams in the nation's

top 12, surpassing second place Loras College by 68 points. Wartburg wrestlers stormed through the quarterfinals and semifinals, outscoring their opponents 67-2 in takedowns. This set the stage for finals featuring all 10 Wartburg wrestlers against the conference's elite in each weight class.

"It was one of the biggest thrills of my coaching career," said head coach Jim Miller, referring to the moment the whole team was introduced before the finals.

"That was something I don't think I'll ever forget," added senior LeRoy Gardner III.

Wartburg's No. 1-ranked 125-pound senior Heath Ropp started off the all-Knight finals in impressive fashion. Ropp hooked his Loras opponent's elbows and executed a Japanese roll leading to a pin with 46 seconds left in the first period.

"I was thinking I was going to hit it [the Japanese roll] before conference started," said Ropp. "I hit that roll and got those other guys fired up."

At 133, junior Ozzie Saxon tried to avenge an ear-

lier 4-3 loss to No. 1 seed Ralph Acrosta of Upper Iowa University. His attempt failed, as Acrosta won 8-5 over Saxon.

At 141, senior Wil Kelly made his way to his second appearance in the conference finals. In his championship match, Kelly led the whole way as he defeated Luther College's Jeff Patzke 12-6.

At 149, Mehlert attempted to avenge a previous loss to No. 1 seed and defending champion Garrett Kurth of Luther.

In a thriller, Kurth struck first with a first period takedown. Mehlert came back in the second period with a perfectly executed heel pick, knotting the score at three. In the third period Mehlert escaped from the down position to take a 4-3 lead. After Kurth tied the match, Mehlert scored a Dutch takedown with 25 seconds remaining to secure a 7-5 decision.

"I tried to get him out of position and break him," Mehlert said following the win. "All I try to do is make Coach look good."

Senior 157-pounder Kevin Bratland compiled four takedowns and two back points en route to a 10-6 decision over No. 1 seed Aaron Loewens of Buena Vista University in the finals.

"Bratland was too conservative early on," said Miller. "He was more aggressive in the finals."

The nation's No. 1-ranked 165-pounder, sophomore Ryan Sturm, was upset by Pat Wilsbacher, the No. 3 seed from Buena Vista.

At 174, No. 1 seed sophomore Mark Sturm looked to earn his second conference title in as many years. In the finals, Sturm had his work cut out for him

against No. 2 seed Gary Franck of Coe. The match was sent into overtime, in which Frank put Sturm on his back for three back points and an 11-6 win.

In 184, Wartburg senior Sonny Alvarez was matched against No. 1 seed Paul Cleary of Loras College. In the first three periods Alvarez and Cleary were only able to manage an escape apiece. After a scoreless overtime, Alvarez won the toss and took the down position going in the second overtime. Three seconds into the second overtime, Alvarez was able to somersault for an escape and earn a conference championship.

Wartburg 197-pounder junior Alain Djoumessi found himself down 3-0 to No. 1 seed Brent Meyers of Upper Iowa after two periods. In the final period Djoumessi scored a stalling point and an escape, but lost 3-2.

The No. 1-ranked heavy-weight Gardner held on to a lead from a first period takedown with a 3-1 decision.

"It was a good way to go out my senior year," said Gardner after winning his second title.

"I told my team when we took the picture [as the conference tournament champions] I want to be here again in two weeks," said Miller about a national championship.

The national tournament is March 7 and 8 at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio. Wartburg fans will take a charter bus there. If interested in going, call the Wartburg alumni and parents programs office at Ext. 8491 by Wednesday.

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First season win earned inside PEC

By NICK PETAROS
Sports Writer

Proving strong in its home opener, the Wartburg men's tennis team defeated Cornell College 6-1 Saturday, rebounding from a loss to conference powerhouse Coe College a week earlier.

The Knights captured the doubles point behind victories from the No. 2 combination of sophomores Blake Flores and Matt Connell and the No. 3 team of senior John Barclay and junior Bilal Rahim 8-4 and 8-2, respectively.

In the No. 1 doubles match, junior Nic Schauf and sophomore Mark Giesmann held serve to force a tiebreaker at 8-8. In a tiebreaker that saw several lead changes, Schauf and Giesmann were defeated 8-10.

In singles action, Flores was defeated by Cornell lefty Kent Lehr 5-7, 1-6 in the No. 1 match evening the dual score at one apiece.

The Knights then pulled away from the Rams behind a trio of three set victories in a row.

Schauf started things off at No. 2 winning the final three games of the third set to secure a 6-0, 3-6, 7-5 victory.

At No. 3, Giesmann came from behind to capture his first college win 2-6, 6-4, 6-0.

In the No. 4 match, Barclay won 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (7-5) giving Wartburg a 4-1 lead with only two matches remaining.

In the final two matches No. 5 Connell and No. 6 freshman Nick Petaros came through with 6-3, 6-1 and 6-2, 6-1 wins, respectively, finalizing a 6-1 Knight victory.

In their season opener Feb. 16 the Knights were defeated 0-7 in Cedar Rapids by four-time defending conference champion Coe College.

Two meets into the season, second-year head coach Jim Willis said he believes his team is still on track to reach its goal of finishing third in the Iowa Conference.

"Cornell lets us know that our goals are within reach," Willis said.

The men's tennis team, which finished sixth in the conference last year, will have to contend with a two other teams that finished ahead of them last season including Central and Simpson College in order to achieve their third place goal. Simpson defeated Wartburg by identical 4-3 scores three times last year and both Simpson and Wartburg return everyone from last year's teams.

Coach Willis said he believes experience and depth could be the source of this year's improvements.

"We have a year more experience and a lot more depth than last year," Willis said.

Saturday the Knights will play host to Central and Upper Iowa University in the PEC. The meets are scheduled to take place at 9 a.m. against the Peacocks and 3 p.m. against the Dutch.

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SWEET EMOTION—Wartburg assistant wrestling coach Dave Malecek and head coach Jim Miller react to a match Thursday at the Iowa Conference Championships in Cedar Rapids.